

POLITICAL ECONOMY *Illustrated*



Whether or not one agrees with the economic theories of Karl Marx this much is certain. His book "Das Capital" made a big noise. It is worth noting that a third of the world is living under the crimson banner of Socialism. Left-Socialist and Communist Parties are to be found in every land of the earth. Yet, over a hundred years ago Socialists were a mere handful.

Marx, for the first time, proved that society operated according to laws like everything else in this very real world. He theorized that Capitalism would pass away and a new and higher form of society called Socialism would take its place. Marx wasn't in a trance or gazing at tea leaves when he wrote that. It is happening before our eyes.

The world is moving. If one cares to understand how and why it moves one need only to open the books on Marxism-Leninism. Maybe this little cartoon booklet will induce someone to do that.



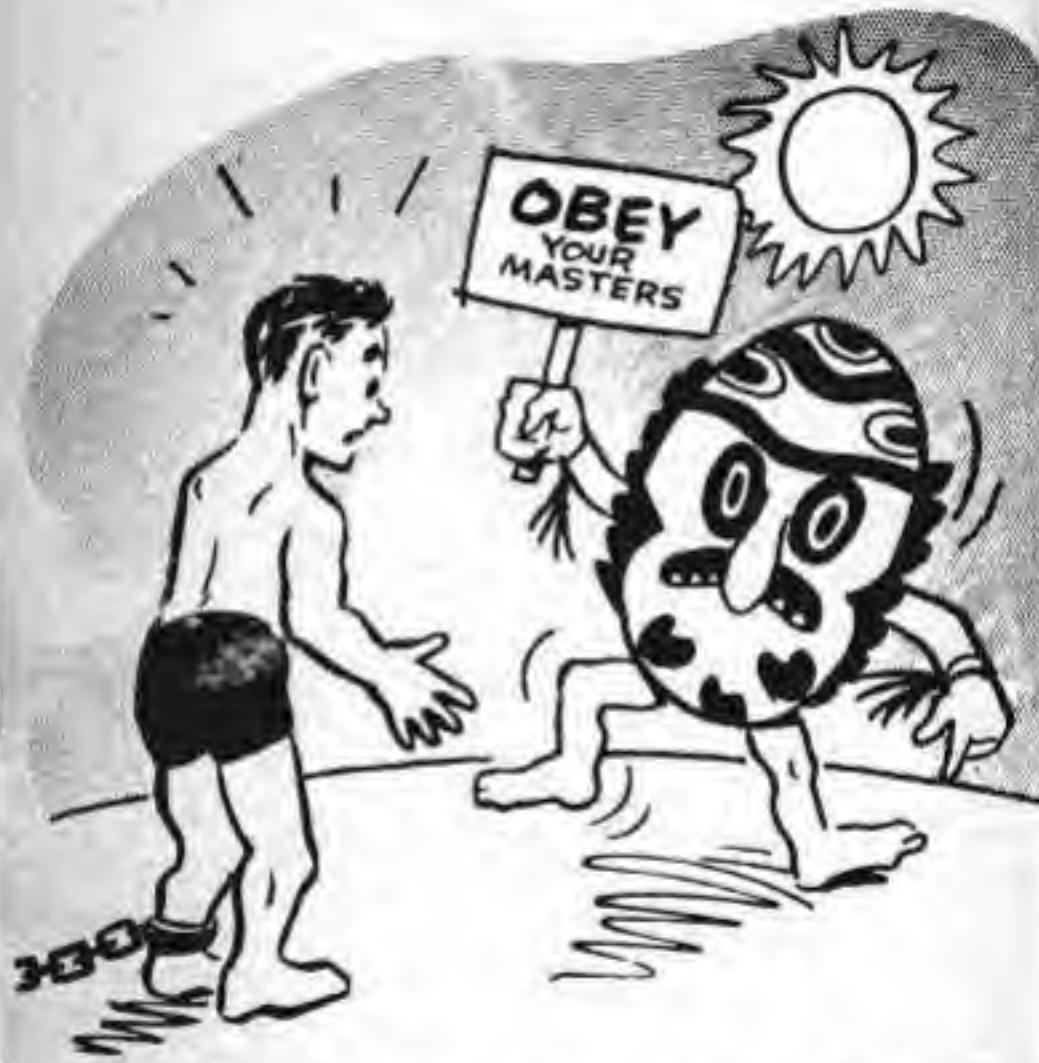
PRIMITIVE COMMUNISM WAS THE FIRST FORM OF SOCIETY. PRIMITIVE PEOPLE SHARED IN COMMON THE SPOILS OF THE CHASE, THE RESULT OF THEIR LABOR BARELY SUFFICED TO SUSTAIN LIFE.



SLAVE SOCIETY DEVELOPED WHEN OUR FOREBEARS PRODUCED A SURPLUS AND BEGAN EXCHANGING IT. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT THE SLAVE PRODUCED AND WHAT HE CONSUMED ENRICHED THE SLAVE OWNER.



THE STATE DEVELOPED TO PROTECT
THE WEALTH AND PRIVILEGES OF THE
DOMINANT SLAVE OWNING CLASS.



RELIGION WAS USED TO CLOAK
AND JUSTIFY THIS EXPLOITATION.

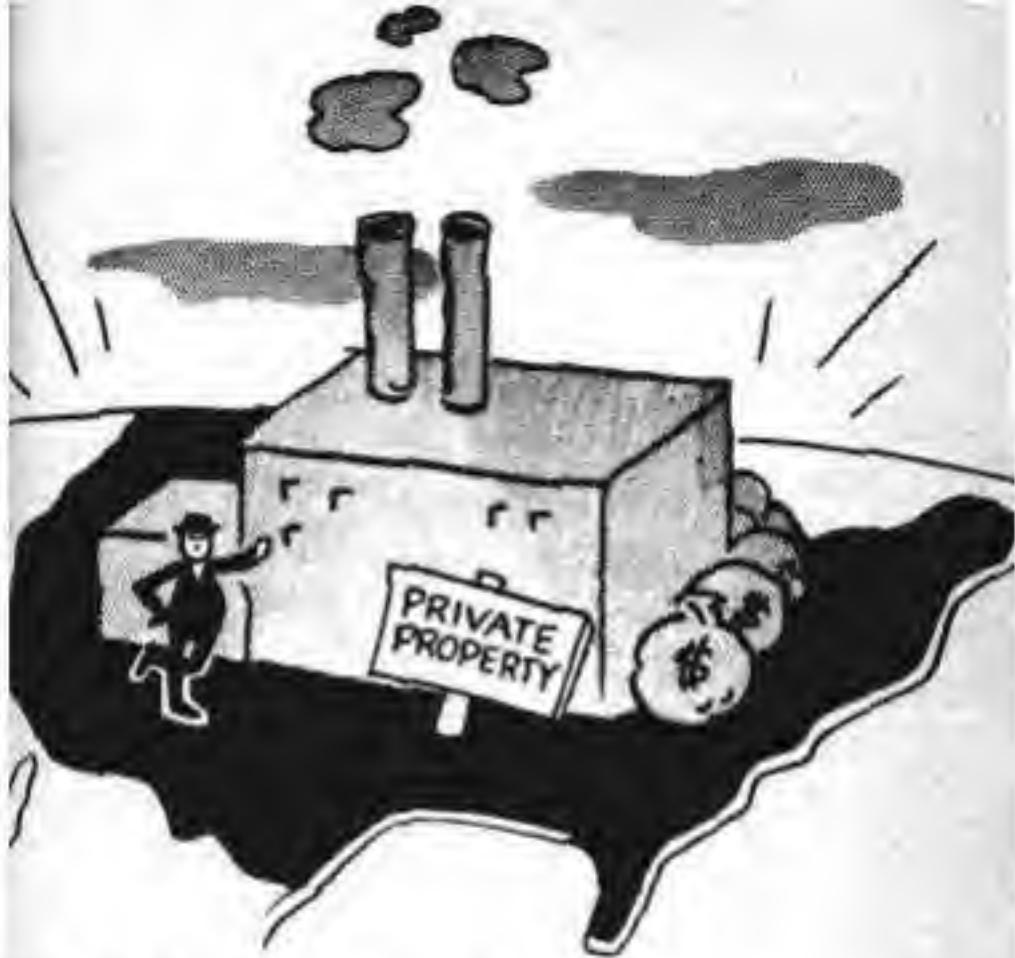


FEUDALISM

CAME INTO BEING AS NEW PRODUCTIVE FORCES AND FARMING METHODS DEVELOPED. SERFS REPLACED SLAVES AS THE EXPLOITED CLASS. A SERF WORKED SO MANY DAYS FOR HIMSELF AND SO MANY TO ENRICH THE LORD OF THE LANDED ESTATE.



CAPITALISM WAS THE NEXT FORM OF SOCIETY. WITH THE GROWTH OF TRADE, NEW FORCES OF PRODUCTION DEVELOPED. THE CAPITALIST REPLACED THE LAND OWNER AS THE RULING CLASS. SOCIETY WAS NOW DIVIDED BASICALLY INTO THE CAPITALISTS AND THE WORKERS.



THE CAPITALIST CLASS IS A CLASS OF PERSONS POSSESSED OF WEALTH IN MONEY FORM AND OWNING THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION WHICH ARE SET TO WORK BY HIRING WAGE WORKERS.



THE WORKING CLASS IS THE
PROPERTYLESS CLASS, FREE, YET COMPELLED
BY NECESSITY TO SELL ITS LABOR-POWER
TO THE CAPITALIST.



MADE BY
HUMAN LABOR



FOR EXCHANGE



SALE

USE-VALUE



COMMODITIES ARE GOODS MADE
BY HUMAN LABOR, FOR EXCHANGE
AND POSSESSING USE-VALUE.



THE VALUE OF A COMMODITY
IS DETERMINED BY THE AMOUNT OF
SOCIALLY NECESSARY LABOR TIME
REQUIRED FOR ITS PRODUCTION.



LABOR-POWER IS A COMMODITY.
THE WORKER SELLS HIS POWER TO
WORK, OR LABOR-POWER. WAGES
ARE THE PRICE HE RECEIVES.



**"THE VALUE OF LABOR-POWER
IS DETERMINED BY THE VALUE
OF THE NECESSITIES REQUIRED
TO PRODUCE, DEVELOP, MAINTAIN
AND PERPETUATE THE LABOR-POWER**

(MARX)

FACTORY NO.1
OUT



SURPLUS VALUE IS THE VALUE THE WORKER PRODUCES OVER AND ABOVE THE VALUE OF HIS LABOR-POWER.



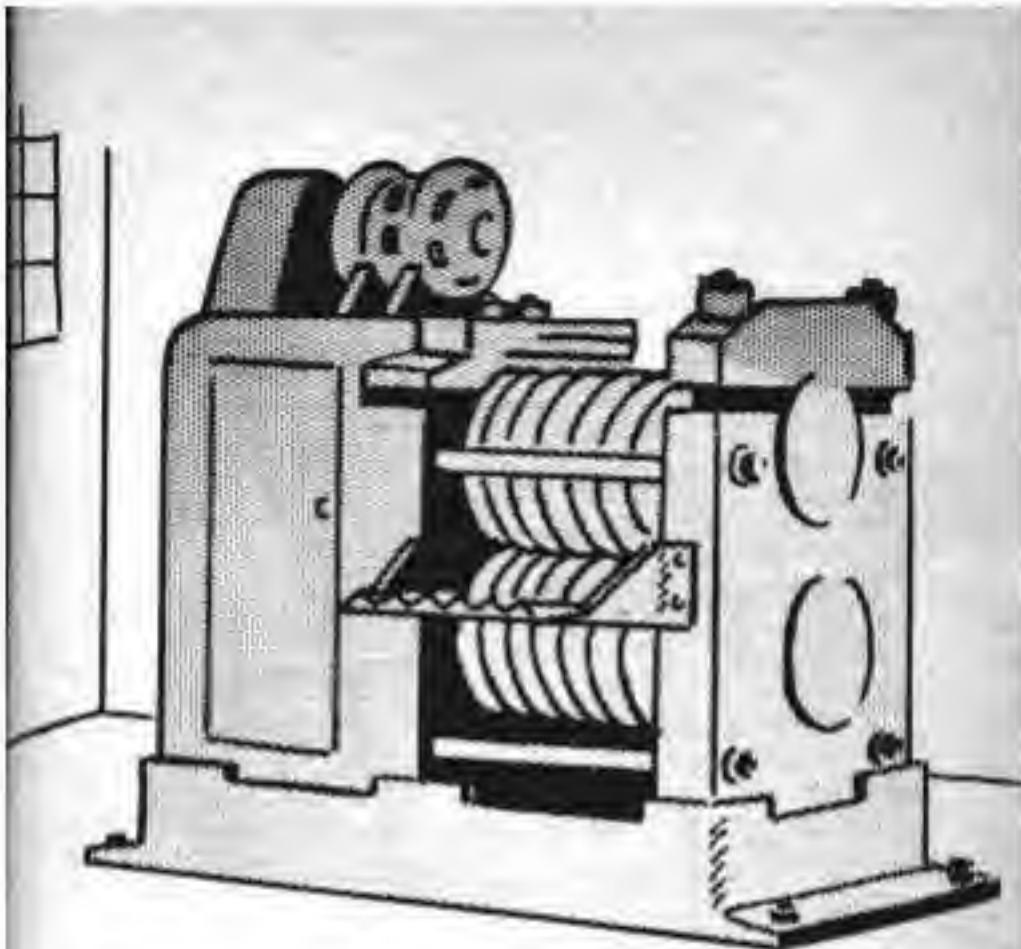
THE CLASS STRUGGLE IS
THAT RIVALRY THAT TAKES PLACE
BETWEEN THE CAPITALIST AND
THE WORKER OVER WHO GETS
THE VALUES CREATED BY THE
WORKER'S LABOR.



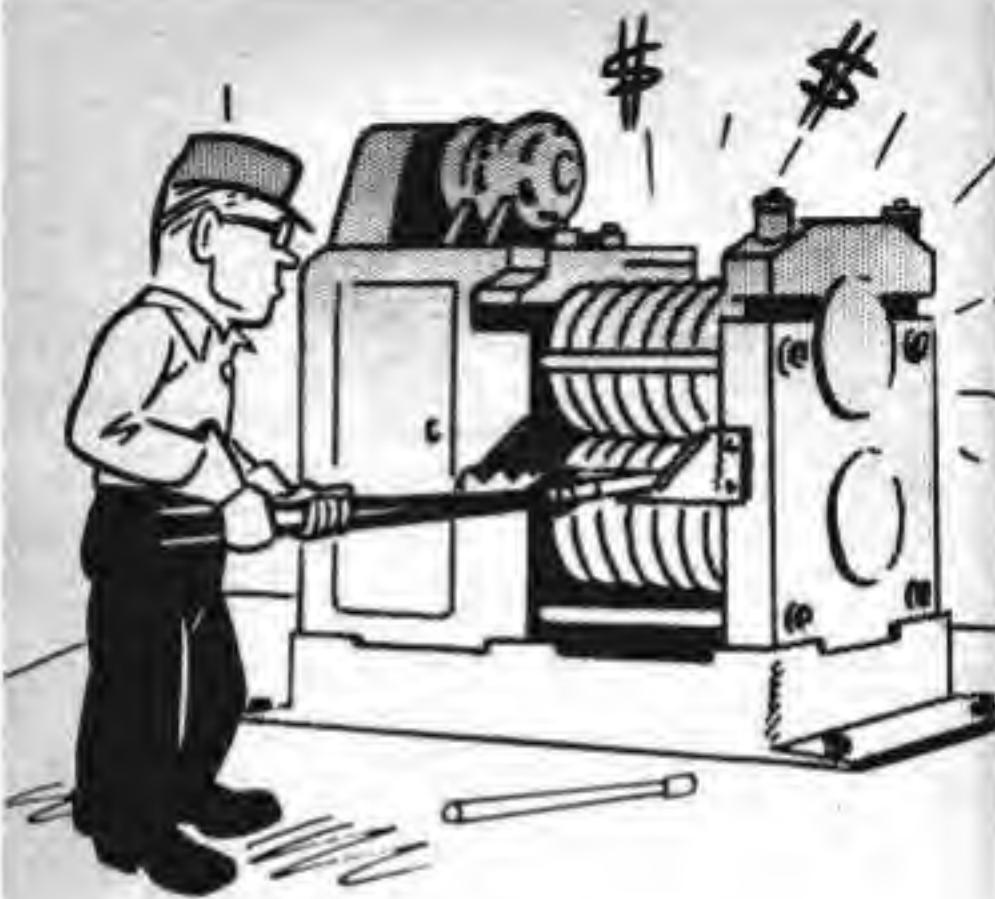
STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS
ARE THE MOST DIRECT AND OPEN
EXPRESSION OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE.



CAPITAL IS WEALTH THAT HAS BEEN
CREATED BY PAST LABOR AND WHICH
PRODUCES MORE WEALTH WHEN ACTED
UPON BY CURRENT LABOR.



CONSTANT CAPITAL IS
EVERYTHING THE CAPITALIST
SPENDS ON COMMODITIES, OTHER
THAN LABOR-POWER, THAT GOES
INTO THE PRODUCTIVE PROCESS.



VARIABLE CAPITAL IS CAPITAL INVESTED IN LABOR-POWER. WITH THE MACHINES AND RAW MATERIALS THE WORKER PRODUCES A VALUE GREATER THAN THE VALUE OF HIS LABOR-POWER. THIS IS WHERE THE CAPITALIST GETS HIS PROFIT.



MONOPOLIES ARISE AS CAPITAL
AND PRODUCTION CONCENTRATE
INTO FEWER HANDS.



CAPITALISM

SLAM

The
RESERVE ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED
IS FORMED AS THE WORKING CLASS
GROWS FASTER THAN CAPITALISM CAN
CREATE THE NECESSARY JOBS.



INTEREST
IS PART OF THE SURPLUS
VALUE THE CAPITALIST PAYS
THE LENDER OF BORROWED
MONEY CAPITAL.



BANKS BRING TOGETHER SURPLUS FUNDS AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE FOR INTEREST. THEY LEND OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY TO MAKE MONEY FOR THEMSELVES!



GROUND RENT IS PART OF THE SURPLUS VALUE CREATED IN AGRICULTURE. IT IS UNEARNED INCOME BECAUSE THE LANDOWNER DOES NO WORK, HE RECEIVES HIS RENT BY REASON OF HIS LEGAL TITLE TO THE LAND.



MAXIMUM PROFIT
IS THE SINGLE AIM OF CAPITAL
PRODUCTION.



AN ECONOMIC CRISIS

CCURS WHEN MORE GOODS ARE PRODUCED
HAN THE CAPITALISTS CAN PROFITABLY
ELL. THEY SHUT DOWN THEIR FACTORIES
AND CONSUMERS ARE LAID OFF !



IMPERIALISM IS THE LAST STAGE OF CAPITALISM. THE CAPITALISTS ARE FORCED TO EXTEND THEIR CONTROL OVER INVESTMENT AREAS BEYOND THEIR NATIONAL BOUNDRIES.



WARS ARE CAUSED
BECAUSE MONOPOLY
CAPITALISM MUST
EXPAND IN A WORLD
ALREADY DIVIDED
UP. A THIRD WORLD
WAR CAN BE HELD
IN CHECK BY PEACE FORCES, HOWEVER.



FASCISM IS "THE OPEN TERRORIST DICTATORSHIP OF THE MOST REACTIONARY, MOST CHAUVINISTIC, AND MOST IMPERIALIST ELEMENTS OF FIN- ANCE CAPITAL." DIMITROV. THE DRIVE TO FASCISM (McCARTHYISM) CAN BE STOPPED BY MASS PRESSURE.



INDOCTRINATION AND CONCEALMENT OF FACTS

ARE USED TO MAKE THE PEOPLE
CAPITALIST MINDED. THE CAPITALISTS CONTROL
ALL THE MAJOR MEANS OF INFLUENCING PUBLIC
OPINION.



JIM CROW AND SEGREGATION
ARE ECONOMIC IN ORIGIN. VESTED
INTERESTS PROFIT BY THE LOW
WAGES AND HIGH RENTS FORCED ON
NEGROES. JIM CROW ALSO TENDS TO
DIVIDE THE WORKING CLASS.



PEOPLE'S FACTORY

SOCIALISM IS THE NEXT FORM OF SOCIETY. UNDER SOCIALISM ALL THE MAJOR MEANS OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE. PRODUCTION IS CARRIED ON FOR SOCIAL USE INSTEAD OF PRIVATE PROFIT.



THE SOVIET UNION WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO BUILD SOCIALISM. SINCE THEN THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES YUGOSLAVIA AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC HAVE TAKEN THE SAME PATH.